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# (U) CALIFORNIA

# (U) Los Angeles—Protesters Converge on Airports Nationwide, Block Traffic at LAX, SFO

(U) Thousands of protesters converged on airports across the country over the weekend—including airports in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, and Sacramento—to condemn President Trump's orders barring nationals of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the US. At Los Angeles and San Francisco International Airports, protesters blocked the streets outside the terminals, shutting down traffic and facing off with police in riot gear. Negotiations were made between police and protestors at LAX on Sunday night to allow for airport operations to continue during demonstrations.

SOURCE: 29 January 2016, Los Angeles Times, and 28 January 2016, Sacramento Bee

# (U) NATIONAL

### (U) Illinois—Chicago Mayor, PD Announces High-Tech Pilot Program to Curb Murder Rate

(U) Chicago—Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Police Department on 27 January announced a high-tech pilot program in the Englewood and Harrison districts, which have some of the highest crime rates in the city. The program includes expanding a network of gunshot sensors and cameras, and smartphone apps to give beat cops real-time, on-the-go access to the data, with control centers using the data to predict incidents. The network of gunshot sensors, called ShotSpotter, is intended to help police officers respond quickly to gunfire. Oakland PD also uses the program, which residents have reported feeling safer with its implementation.

SOURCE: 28 January 2016, Christian Science Monitor

## (U) Washington—Mumps Outbreak Worsens with Nearly 300 Reported Cases

(U) Seattle—Cases of mumps in an ongoing outbreak in Washington State have continued to rise, with at least 298 likely or confirmed mumps cases, according to the state health department and the Spokane Regional Health District. There are at least 166 likely cases in King County, where Seattle is located, and 94 cases in Spokane, where at least 300 students were told to stay home due to concerns. Mumps cases rose dramatically in the U.S. in 2016, with approximately 5,311 cases reported, according to the CDC. Eight states have reported an outbreak of 100 people or more.

SOURCE: 27 January 2016, ABC News

## (U) INTERNATIONAL

# (U) Afghanistan—Taliban, Collecting Bills for Afghan Utilities, Tap New Revenue Sources

(U) Kabul—The Taliban have found new ways of diversifying and collecting revenue, including collecting bills for electricity provided by the Afghan government in at least two major provinces, according to Afghan officials, Taliban commanders, and local residents. As the Taliban have taken over increasingly large areas in the past two years, they have also levied taxes on potato harvests, flour mills, teachers' salaries, marriage ceremonies, and fuel and vegetable trucks crossing their checkpoints. Narcotics, illegal

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mining and external donations still remained the Taliban's major income streams, with the drug economy bringing in up to \$400 million in 2016.

SOURCE: 28 January 2016, New York Times

## (U) Canada—Gunmen Kill 6, Injure 8 in Attack on Worshipers at Mosque

(U) Quebec City—Gunmen attacked a suburban Quebec City mosque as worshipers were finishing their prayers last night, killing six and wounding at least eight. Witnesses said at least two gunmen in hoods or ski masks opened fire on congregants at the Quebec Islamic Cultural Center in what appears to be the first mass shooting at an Islamic house of worship in North America. The two unidentified suspects have been arrested, but authorities have not provided a motive. Government officials have called it an act of terrorism.

SOURCE: 30 January 2016, Washington Post

### (U) Russia—Russians Charged with Treason Worked in Office Linked to US Election Hacking

(U) Moscow—Two Russian intelligence officers who worked on cyber operations and a Russian computer security expert have been arrested and charged with treason for providing information to the United States, according to multiple Russian news reports. Russian media reports link the charges to the disclosure of the Russian role in attacking state election boards, including the scanning of voter rolls in Arizona and Illinois. Public details remain limited, but two US officials confirmed that human sources in Russia did play a crucial role in proving who was responsible for the hacking.

SOURCE: 27 January 2016, New York Times

### (U) Yemen—US Commando, AQAP Leader Killed in Counterterrorism Operation

(U) Al-Bayda—One American commando was killed and three others were wounded in a firefight with al-Qa'ida militants in central Yemen yesterday, according to the US military. Members of the Navy's SEAL Team 6 carried out the surprise dawn attack, and the military said that about 14 al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) fighters were killed. Abdulrauf al Dhahab, an al-Qa'ida leader and brother-in-law of Anwar al-Awlaki, the American-born cleric and top al-Qa'ida leader in Yemen, was also believed to have been killed. The counterterrorism operation was the first authorized by President Trump since he took office.

SOURCE: 29 January 2016, Reuters

### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

### (U) California—San Ysidro Border Again Closes to Southbound Traffic

(U) San Diego—For the fourth Sunday in a row, drivers heading southbound on Interstate 5 toward Tijuana found themselves diverted to Otay Mesa for several hours due protests on the Mexican side of the border. From 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., CHP officers directed drivers away Mexico's El Chaparral Port of Entry following a request from Mexican authorities. Though initially sparked by a sharp rise in Mexico's gasoline prices, Baja California protests in recent weeks have also focused on a series of additional issues, with anger directed both towards the Mexican President and the Baja California Governor. SOURCE: 29 January 2016, San Diego Union Tribune

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